



# FIRST THINGS FIRST

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**Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board  
Cochise Regional Partnership Council**

**Work Group Minutes  
January 21, 2010**

## Call to Order

The Workgroup Meeting of the First Things First Cochise Regional Partnership Council was held on Thursday, January 21, 2009 at 1:00 PM at the Valley Telecom Building 752 E Maley St. Willcox, AZ. 85643.

## Council Members Present:

Ana Bae-Limb (telephonically), Del Cabarga (telephonically), Vaira Harik, Mary Sue Houser, David Howe, Renae Humburg, Jane Strain, Nancy-Jean Welker, and Evelyn Whitmer (telephonically)

## Council Members Absent:

Ginger Ryan

## Others Present:

Melissa Avant, Cristal Martin, and Rebecca Drummond

Chair Strain welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 1:18 PM.

## Discussion of Strategy 8/Coordination

Rebecca Drummond, MA, Program Director for Family Wellness, University of Arizona, College of Public Health, provided the Regional Council with an update for Strategy Eight Coordination. A bibliography was prepared detailing the breadth of the issues and to provide more information to the Regional Council; as Ms. Drummond finds more resources she will continue to update the bibliography.

Ms. Drummond stated the Regional Council is on target with their questions regarding collaboration, coordination, systems change and outcomes. Ms. Drummond acknowledged that there are many different views on these issues and as her research continues, she will provide more feedback to the Regional Council. Ms. Drummond provided an Issue Brief titled; Evaluating Statewide Community-based Initiatives for Children, which talks about some of the challenges along with various solutions for evaluation. Ms Drummond reminded the Regional Council that the State Board is dealing with the same

issues and a good question might be; what can the University of Arizona, College of Public Health do in addition to what the state is requiring to meet the needs of the Regional Council?

Ms. Drummond prepared a power point about North Carolina's ABCD Program from the Issue Brief; Using Community Care Networks to Improve the Delivery of Childhood Developmental Screening and Referral to Early Intervention Services. A brief background was given about the outcomes of the program from 2004 to 2008 and how "community networks" were used to improve quality and efficiency. Ms. Drummond suggested the Regional Council consider the specifics of the Coordination plan; what they would like to target with the coordination of services and how they would like it to be implemented. Ms. Drummond stressed the importance of staying in touch with what is happening at the state level and the possibility of piloting a project that could be set as a model for the state.

Ms. Drummond explained the difference between networking, coordinating, cooperating and collaborating, stating, "Networking is an exchange of information, coordination is an exchange of information and harmonizing activities. Cooperation is the exchange of information, harmonizing activities and sharing resources. Collaboration is all of those plus enhancing your partners capacity." A handout from the Collaboration Primer was given to the Regional Council to provide examples.

The Regional Council discussed the desire to have coordination woven into all other strategies, to "start with the end in mind", focus on the desired outcomes and structure the approaches from that outlook. Collaboration is important because it fosters trust, builds relationships, prolongs sustainability and over time minimizes "turf wars". What kind of infrastructure has to be built, what are the gaps and how can the Regional Council work with them to maximize their strategies? A network map was suggested to identify those gaps and find possibilities for collaboration. The Regional Council recognized the significance of networking people rather than agencies; that a personalized approach can be to the advantage and provide an opportunity for Cochise County.

#### Call to the Public

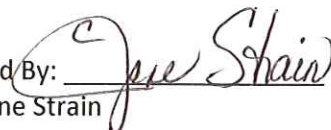
There was no response to Call to the Public

#### Adjournment

There being no further discussions, Chair Strain adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM.

Dated this 18 day of February, 2010.

Submitted By: Cristal Martin  
Administrative Assistant

Approved By:   
Chair, Jane Strain